

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 330

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kali Meyer Holder on her selection as the 2015 Teacher of the Year for Wilson County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kali Meyer Holder is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holder was recently selected as the 2015 Teacher of the Year for Wilson County at the 17th annual Teacher of the Year banquet, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the annual winner of the Teacher of the Year award in Wilson County is selected by an anonymous panel of Cumberland University faculty members who choose from submissions from each of the twenty-eight public and private schools in Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Cumberland University, Mrs. Holder holds a Master of Arts degree in education and a Bachelor of Science degree in child growth and learning. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in teacher leadership from Walden University; and

WHEREAS, a ten-year veteran of the classroom, Kali Holder started her career at Grammar Middle School in Nashville in 2005 as a fifth-grade math, reading, language arts, and science teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holder has taught in Wilson County for nine years. She began as a seventh-grade language arts teacher, moved to eighth-grade math in 2007, and then taught sixth- and seventh-grade math in 2011. She has been teaching at Walter J. Baird Middle School for four years; and

WHEREAS, a positive influence, Mrs. Holder serves as a math team leader and a Beta Club sponsor, performs water monitoring at Don Fox Park, and is a Tremont presenter, a National Speleological Society member, and a student teaching mentor. In addition, the Middle Tennessee Boys' Soccer Conference named her Coach of the Year in 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, a gifted teacher, Kali Holder is a Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System Level-5 teacher; she also received Educational Testing Service recognition of excellence in principles of teaching and learning on Praxis II; and

WHEREAS, she always strives to be a productive and responsible citizen and is active in school and in society; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holder is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Kali Holder truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Holder is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Brandon; and

WHEREAS, Kali Holder truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kali Meyer Holder on being chosen as the 2015 Teacher of the Year for Wilson County, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.